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HERRING BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA TROLL FISHERY

The Herring Bay Troll Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will open to commercial troll salmon fishing from July 1 through August 30, unless closed by emergency order. The THA is managed to harvest surplus Chinook salmon returning to the Whitman Lake Hatchery and Carroll Inlet release sites. As amended during the 2022 Southeast Alaska/Yakutat Board of Fisheries meeting, the Herring Bay Terminal Harvest Area Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 33.369) expands the waters of the THA to provide additional opportunity to harvest Chinook salmon returning to these sites. Beginning 12:01 a.m., Friday, July 1, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 31, 2022, the Herring Bay Troll THA will expand to include the following:

Herring Bay Troll THA (statistical area 101-40): those waters of Revillagigedo Channel north and west of a line from the westernmost tip of Carroll Point at 55°18.00′ N lat, 131°29.01′ W long to Spire Island Light at 55°16.08′ N lat, 131°29.98′ W long excluding waters of the Annette Islands Reserve, Carroll Inlet south of the latitude 55°24.27′ N lat, George Inlet south of 55°20.80′ N lat, and south of a line from a point located on the southeastern shore of Gravina Island at 55°17.65′ N lat, 131°37.03′ W long, to a point on the southwest shore of Tongass Narrows at 55°18.63′ N lat, 131°35.20′ W long, and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Gravina Point located on the southeast shore of Gravina Island at 55°17.12′ N lat, 131°37.17′ W long to the northernmost tip of Walden Point on Annette Island at 55°16.45′ N lat, 131°35.37′ W long, excluding waters of the Annette Islands Reserve (Figure 1).

From 12:01 a.m., Monday, August 1, through 11:59 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, the THA expansion is rescinded, and the waters open to troll gear in the Carroll Inlet portion of the THA revert to the waters south of the latitude of the southernmost tip of California Head at 55°19.57′ N lat.

The Herring Bay Troll THA is open to troll gear for retention of all salmon species through August 30, unless closed by emergency order. Beginning August 31, trollers may retain coho, chum, sockeye, and pink salmon in these waters as part of the general summer troll season; however, Chinook salmon may be retained and possessed only during open Chinook salmon retention periods established for the summer troll fishery under 5 AAC 29.100(c).

The Emergency Order corresponding to this announcement is 1E1922.

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Figure 1.-Herring Bay Troll Terminal Harvest Area.